

Docket No.: 837.1971

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Toru KATAGIRI, et al.

Serial No. 09/960,405

Group Art Unit: 2613

Confirmation No. 5622

Filed: September 24, 2001

Examiner: LEUNG, Christina Y

For: OPTICAL NODE DEVICE AND SYSTEM INCLUDING THE DEVICE

## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on March 8, 2007.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.